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**Sent:** 11/20/2019 8:44:41 PM  
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**CC:** Azzam, Nidal [Azzam.Nidal@epa.gov]; Stein, Carol [Stein.Carol@epa.gov]; Donald Hesler [donald.hesler@dec.ny.gov]; Monica Smeal (APTIM Fed. Services) [monica.smeal@aptim.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant, Bethpage, NY  
**Attachments:** smime.p7s

Jason/Ben

I think with the explanation below, this issue is resolved. This reply is via APTIM (Navy contractor for Site 1 PCB soil removal) from Mr. Haskell. It appears Mr. Haskell was using the Navy Bethpage data as an example for learning of a new EPA approval process. As stated below, the Navy soils from Site 1 have been disposed of as planned.

Matthew Haskell, Environmental Compliance Manager for Material Solution Services (MSS)/Core Group prepared the following response, since he initiated the process with EPA Region 3:

"Please note, under the strong advisement of the PA-DEP (northeast region), Material Solution Services personnel reached out the R3 EPA coordinator regarding this project. MSS has been notified that the submitted material - although previously disposed of at a different facility - would be a great opportunity to gather experience interacting with the EPA regarding projects containing PCB's. Our intention was to use the Bethpage Site 1 information to request a review of the site, it's data and history to determine its potential EPA-Approved eligibility as PA-Clean or Regulated fill. This new understanding will allow MSS to be more proficient in understanding how the EPA evaluates projects such as these in the future."

APTIM would like to reiterate that NWIRP Bethpage Site 1 non-hazardous PCB-contaminated soils are being disposed of and will remain at Gloucester County Landfill located in Swedesboro, NJ and Fairless Landfill located in Morrisville, PA.

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**From:** Conetta, Benny <Conetta.Benny@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 3:29 PM  
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**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] RE: Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant, Bethpage, NY

Hi Jason,

Is it possible to set up a call? Might be the easiest thing to do.

I am cc-ing Brian Murray as well.

Thanks  
ben

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**From:** Pelton, Jason M (DEC) <jason.pelton@dec.ny.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 2:41 PM  
**To:** Conetta, Benny <Conetta.Benny@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Azzam, Nidal <Azzam.Nidal@epa.gov>; Stein, Carol <Stein.Carol@epa.gov>; Donald Hesler <donald.hesler@dec.ny.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant, Bethpage, NY

Benny:

I have another email into Brian Murray with the US Navy. The soil being excavated is from an area identified as Site 1. It is located east of Plant 3 on the former NWIRP property. To date, the only soil that has been transported off-site has been non-hazardous with PCB concentrations below 50 ppm. While the Navy characterized the soil in-place through a large number of soil borings, they have also

been collecting soil samples from the stockpiles for disposal purposes. Each of the landfills have required additional soil sampling results from the stockpiles prior to accepting the soil.

What exactly does Mr. Haskell need from the EPA?

Thanks and feel free to call if easier to discuss.

Jason

-----Original Message-----

From: Conetta, Benny <Conetta.Benny@epa.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 2:25 PM  
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Subject: RE: Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant, Bethpage, NY

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Hi Jason,

Just checking in as our Region 3 folks have followed up. wondering if you have heard back?

It appears to be the area just west of Site 3 in Figure 2 (pg 24) of the attached ROD document but is not part of the ROD. Region 3 would like to send our response by COB on Friday.

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From: Pelton, Jason M (DEC) <jason.pelton@dec.ny.gov>  
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 6:48 AM  
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Subject: Re: Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant, Bethpage, NY

Benny

I am looking into this with Brian Murray. Brian is the project manager with the Navy manager. It is my understanding that this soil was going to Fairless landfill in Pennsylvania and Gloucester County landfill in New Jersey. There was no discussion of the soil being reused as backfill.

I am not in the office today as we were on Long Island for a community meeting last night. If I hear anything today I will immediately let you know

Thanks and call or email with any questions

Jason

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 14, 2019, at 9:12 AM, Conetta, Benny <Conetta.Benny@epa.gov> wrote:

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> ATTENTION: This email came from an external source. Do not open attachments or click on links from unknown senders or unexpected emails.

> Hi Jason,

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> I received the info below from my PCB counterpart in Region 3. Is this the same site we evaluated and the same materials?

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> If so, my understanding was that soils were sampled in situ and that the less than 50 ppm soils were going to a landfill. Their final disposition seems to be different here - to be used as clean fill in a quarry in PA.

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> If not the same, do you possibly know anything about this particular site disposal?

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> Thanks

> Ben

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> From: R3 PCB COOR <R3\_PCB\_COOR@epa.gov>

> Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 11:42 AM

> To: Conetta, Benny <Conetta.Benny@epa.gov>

> Subject: Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant, Bethpage, NY

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> Hi Benny - The site is proposing to send less than 50 ppm soils to a quarry in PA to use as clean fill under PADEP's Management of Clean Fill Policy which allows up to 78 ppm PCBs (or up to 50 ppm starting on 1/2020) to be used unrestricted and unregulated.

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> Summary of application: Soils originated on Long Island, NY at a former Northrop Grunman site used for testing and assembly of military aircraft, several underground tanks were found on the site. There are nine - 500 yd3 piles of soil (about 25 feet by 38 feet). The soil was not sampled prior to excavating and putting into piles. Applicant has taken 1 grab sample and 1 five point composite from each pile. Grab samples from four piles had PCBs above 2 ppm: 2, 3, 7 and 11 ppm.

> The soil will be transported to East Bangor, PA to be used to fill in a quarry.

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> Is Region 2 aware of this site? And if so, can you provide and insight? Thank you.

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> Kelly Bunker

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> To: R3 PCB COOR <R3\_PCB\_COOR@epa.gov<mailto:R3\_PCB\_COOR@epa.gov>>

> Subject: Request to review project \_ OSP18271 - Bethpage, NY

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> Good afternoon R3 EPA coordinator!

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> My name is Matthew Haskell and I am the Environmental Compliance Manager within the Core Group of Whitehall, PA. I wanted to reach out to you for guidance with regards to observations of PCB's in soils we are evaluating for potential acceptance. No material has been brought to our facility from this project, nor will any, until I hear back from you.

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> Attached is a series of files including our "typical" data package to the PA-DEP as well as two files for the material in question.

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> Would you be so kind as to review the information and follow up with me regarding your findings?

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> If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask!

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> Thank you for your time and effort,

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> Matthew Haskell

> Environmental Compliance Manager

> Material Solution

> Services<<https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=0ff6bc33-53d55be8-0ff44506-0cc47aa8c6e0-be9ea8c7cealc975&q=1&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.coregrouppa.com%2Fabout-us%2F>>

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